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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0122

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SF, AO, WA, PFOR, SREF

SUBJ: ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN AND NEAR NAMIBIA

REFS: GENEVA 831, USUN 348, USUN 280, USUN 306

1. PARA 4 OF GENEVA 831 INDICATING UNHCR CONSIDERS REFUGEE PROBLEM NO LONGER EXISTS BECAUSE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO NGOLA IS A TOTALLY WRONG ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. USUN 348 AND PREVIOUS REPORTING, MUCH OF WHICH POSSIBLY DID NOT REACH GENEVA, HAS POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 6,000 REFUGEES FROM NORTHERN AND CENTRAL PARTS OF ANGOLA HAVE BEEN CAMPED NEAR BORDER WITH SOUTH WEST AFRICA IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS SINCE LATE FALL. ABOUT 2,800 ARE IN THREE CAMPS SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA. MOST RECENT WAVE HAS ADDED ABOUT 2,200 TO PREVIOUS NUMBERS.

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WM SAG HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO SUPPLY FOOD, MEDICAL SERVICES,

TENTS AND OTHER SUPPORT TO ANGOLAN REFUGEES INSIDE RPT  
INSIDE ANGOLA FOR MONTHS AS RESULT BREAKDOWN OF INTERNAL  
TRANSPORT AND SERVICES LAST JULY. SAG OFFICIALS HAVE  
MENTIONED SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION RECENTLY AT ALMOST  
EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MISSION OFFICERS AND TO VISITORS.  
ON JANUARY 22 SAG REQUESTED ASSISTANCE  
OF UNSYG WITH REFUGEE PROBLEM (USUN 280) AND  
AMB. BOTHA AGAIN MENTIONED REFUGEE SITUATION IN COURSE OF  
LETTER OF JANUARY 27 CONCERNING NAMIBIA (USUN 306).  
PROSPECT OF FIGHTING LINES MOVING SOUTHWARD IN COMING WEEKS  
MEANS DIMENSION OF PROBLEM COULD MUSHROOM.

3. WE BELIEVE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AREA OF ANGOLA  
MERITS PROMPT ACTION. PRESENCE THERE OF INTERNATIONALLY  
SUPPORTED REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORT WOULD NOT ONLY HELP TO  
DEAL WITH ACTUAL PROBLEM, BUT WOULD REMOVE ONE OF THE  
REASONS WHICH SAG SAYS HAS PROMPTED ITS PRESENCE INSIDE  
ANGOLA. THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE FEW AREAS IN WHICH INTER-  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBU-  
TION, AND DO SO WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL ANGOLAN FACTIONS AS  
WELL AS SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE "POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS" MAY  
INHIBIT COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN DEALING WITH  
PROBLEM IN NAMIBIA, THEY WOULD SEEM LESS VALID WITH RESPECT  
TO HELPING TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF ANGOLANS IN ANGOLA.  
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